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SUBJECT: Sudanese Bar Association Dean Calls for Release of Guantanamo Detainee Sami Al-Haj

¶1. On June 13, Fathi Khalil, Dean of the Sudanese Bar Association, renewed his call for the release of a Sudanese national Sami al-Haj from Guantanamo, where he has apparently been held for over four years. In a symposium organized by the Al-Jazeera television channel office in Khartoum in cooperation with Al-Sahafa newspaper, Khalil called for compensation for the detainees and a disciplinary board for those responsible for their being held. June 13 marked the fourth anniversary of al-Haj's detention in Guantanamo.

¶2. On June 11, the Sudanese bar Association had called on the Sudanese government to demand the release of all Sudanese detainees in Guantanamo. It also released a press statement questioning the recent deaths of three detainees.

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